The purpose of this bulletin is to inform staff, patients, visitors and the neighbors close to the University of Washington Medical Center Northwest campus about the Behavioral Health Teaching Facility (BHTF) construction project. This bulletin will be published quarterly during the design phase and monthly during the construction phase. Please see the webpage for more information about the project, construction logistics and the milestone schedule. https://facilities.uw.edu/projects/behavioral-health-teaching-facility

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CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Construction activities have slowed due to a labor strike preventing concrete deliveries in King County. Once concrete delivery resumes, foundation work will continue. This work requires delivery trucks and heavy equipment to enter and leave the jobsite, resulting in noise and intermittent closure of the campus loop road. We remain sensitive to preventing frequent or extended traffic interruptions, but drivers may experience short delays. In the meantime, the tower crane continues to be in operation as well as excavation and installation of below grade utilities.

In this photo, you can see the project’s tower crane and foundations ready for concrete throughout the project site.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The new Behavioral Health Teaching Facility will be a one-of-a-kind fully integrated welcoming and healing environment for individuals struggling with serious physical and behavioral health problems. The building will support a full continuum of clinical services ranging from effective medication management and psychotherapies to state-of-the-art neuromodulation treatments, medical and surgical care for individuals with medical and behavioral health disorders. The building will also become the home for an interdisciplinary training and workforce development program that is focused on preparing and supporting the next generation of behavioral health providers for Washington State.

If you have any questions about the upcoming work at UWMC Northwest, please feel free to contact us and we would be glad to provide any additional information.